PRIVATE FISH POND
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

APPLICATIONS:

Applications for a private fish pond Certificate of Registration (COR) are available at the following Utah Division of Wildlife Resources offices:

Wildlife Registration Office, 1594 W North Temple, Salt Lake City (801-538-4701)
Northern Region, 515 East 5300 South, Ogden (801-476-2740)
Central Region, 1115 North Main Street, Springville (801-491-5678)
Northeastern Region, 152 East 100 North, Vernal (453-781-9453)
Southeastern Region, 475 West Price River Drive, Ste. C, Price (453-636-0260)
Southern Region, 1470 N Airport Rd, Cedar City (435-865-6100)

Each application must be accompanied by a $5 nonrefundable handling fee **AND** $25 nonrefundable inspection fee. When an application is approved, applicant will be billed for $50 and the COR will be issued upon receipt of that amount.

Up to 45 days may be required to issue a COR. Please plan ahead; we'll make every effort to inspect your pond and issue your COR as soon as we can.

POND INSPECTION:

All ponds must be inspected by Division of Wildlife Resources personnel before a Certificate of Registration is issued to confirm that adequate screening is installed and that the pond is not on a natural stream. Because of snow and ice, winter inspections are often impossible. If you want to stock early in the spring it might be helpful to have your pond inspected in the fall before winter sets in.

Ponds are re-inspected every six years.

WHY DOES THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES REQUIRE A COR?

To assure protection of wild fish populations, the Division of Wildlife Resources requires people to get approval before they can stock fish in a private pond.

1. *Disease*: **FISH MAY BE OBTAINED ONLY FROM SOURCES, EITHER INSTATE OR OUT OF STATE, WHICH HAVE BEEN HEALTH APPROVED BY THE FISH HEALTH APPROVAL BOARD (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) AND ASSIGNED A FISH HEALTH APPROVAL NUMBER.** Fish moved from one location to another can carry diseases that harm and kill wild fish. Some diseases such as whirling disease can infect an area forever. Fish in crowded pond conditions are more susceptible to disease. The Utah Department of Agriculture (801-538-7029) can provide names of health approved sources once you have been issued a private fish pond COR.

2. *Competition*: Some fish compete directly with wild fish for food and living space. They may also prey on other aquatic species. For example, brook trout outcompete cutthroat trout, leading to the loss of cutthroat trout populations in some areas.

3.   ***Interbreeding***: Some species will hybridize with other species. If rainbow trout were stocked into a drainage with a rare native cutthroat trout, they could interbreed and eventually lead to the loss of the native cutthroat trout population.

The Division of Wildlife Resources needs to maintain control over the movement of fish in Utah to protect wild fish in public waters for the citizens of Utah.

IMPORTATION OF FISH FROM OUT OF STATE:

The importation of fish into Utah from another state requires:

1.   prior authorization from the Division through its Wildlife Registration Office (the fee for each importation amendment is $10); and
2.   an entry permit from the Utah State Department of Agriculture (801-538-7046).

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE FISH PONDS:

Two main requirements that must be met before a private fish pond COR will be issued:

1.   ***No private pond can be constructed on a natural flowing stream (Utah Code 23-15-10).***

2.   ***Inflows (except springs) and outflows of ponds are required to be screened to prevent migration of fish in and out of the pond.***

Ponds that are not adequately screened to prevent fish escapement **will** **not** be approved. Temporary screens are not acceptable. Screens need to be installed so they can be cleaned.

Screens must have small enough mesh to prevent the smallest fish in your pond from escaping. With catchable sized trout (8-10 inches) we recommend ½ inch heavy wire mesh. Screens can also be built with vertical bars placed close enough to each other so that fish cannot squeeze between them. Vertical bars installed on a slant, angling down stream will aid the current in pushing debris to the surface for easy removal. Bars can also be raked and easily cleaned.

RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:

The certificate of registration for a private fish pond is renewable annually upon submission of a $25.00 renewal fee ($5 nonrefundable handling fee and $20 renewal fee) and "Annual Report of Live Fish Acquired."   If the renewal request and annual report are not received on or before January 30 (of the year of expiration), a $10 late fee will be assessed. If the renewal request is not received within 30 days of January 30 (of the year or expiration), the application will be treated as a new (initial application) and initial fees will apply. An additional fee of $25 will be assessed every six years for re-inspection of the pond.

A P P L I C A T I O N
for Certificate of Registration (COR)

- PRIVATE FISH POND (R657-16) -

Initial Application

FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY   Yes __   No __

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1. APPLICANT (name and complete address of individual, business, agency or institution for which COR is requested; if business/agency, indicate responsible person):

2. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

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3. TYPE OF COR APPLIED FOR UNDER R657-16:

PRIVATE FISH POND (number of ponds ____)

(IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE POND, A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH POND THAT IS MORE THAN 1/2 MILE APART)

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4. SPECIFIC LOCATION OF POND FACILITY (this information is available through the county recorder's office):

COUNTY:

TOWNSHIP:

RANGE:

SECTION:

5. DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING FACILITIES:

Size of Pond: _____

Elevation: _____ **Depth:** _____

Is this a newly constructed pond(s)?   Yes _   No _

Is pond on natural stream channel? Yes _   No _

Have you previously had a private pond COR? If so, has this pond been remodeled or substantially changed since last certificate?
     Yes _   No _

Are fish present? Yes _   No _   If yes, what kind?

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Are suitable screens present? Inlet_____Outlet_____

6. WATER: Source_____ Quantity_____

        Temperature: Inlet_____? F   Outlet_____? F

7. APPROXIMATE NUMBERS AND SPECIES:

NUMBER	SPECIES NAME (common and scientific)

8. WHAT WILL BE THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE FISH (example: eat, personal enjoyment, family fishing, etc.):

9. In many instances, other agency (federal/state/county/ city/municipal) laws covering live possession of animals or groups of animals, pond/facility location, water rights, etc. may be in effect. If local laws (city/county) restrict live possession of any zoological animal, written permission from the local entity granting authority to possess such animal must be submitted with this application for a COR. THE APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH SUCH LAWS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A COR APPLICATION.

If a federal permit is required for the activity applied for herein (U.S. Fish & Wildlife or U.S. Department of Agriculture, etc.), submit with this application either a copy of the permit or a copy of your application for the federal permit.

10. Enclosed is legal tender in the amount of $5, which is a nonrefundable handling fee. If this is an initial pond application that requires inspection, the $25 nonrefundable inspection fee must also accompany the application. If your application is approved, additional fees may be billed. Make checks payable to:

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Submit application, nonrefundable handling/inspection fees to Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 W North Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301.

Cashing your check or accepting money from you neither implies issuance or denial of a certificate of registration.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND AM FAMILIAR WITH THE RULES PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITY(IES) APPLIED FOR AND THAT I ACCEPT ANY AND ALL LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. I FURTHER CERTIFY THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THIS APPLICATION FOR A COR IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY RESULT IN THE APPLICATION BEING DENIED.

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Date   **Applicant signature**